(MU) as against 2143 Million Units (MU) generated in 1995-96.

Permission for extra rooms in DDA Janata Flats

*191. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to construct an extra room on the terraces of DDA Janta flats;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider to permit such construction due to paucity of space in these one room flats; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding already constructed rooms on the terraces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, temporary construction on the open terraces with sloping roofs upto 9 feet height with lightweight material such as fibre glass, AC sheets, GI sheets / pipes and standard angle iron sections, etc. and enclosing with glazing has been included in the items of condonable additions/alterations in DDA flats.

Estimate of Growth in GDP

*192. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimate relating to growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the first four years of the Eighth Plan have been revised both ways;

(b) if so, the revised GDP growth rate;

(c) whether growth in the GDP in 1995-96 has been revised to 7.1%, as against the earlier 7%; and

(d) if so, the authenticity of the current as well as the earlier dates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised GDP growth rates for the first four years of the Eighth Plan, viz., 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are 5.3, 6.0, 7.2 and 7.1 per cent respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimates of GDP are revised utilising the latest available data from different sectors of the economy at various points of time. The methodology developed by the Expert National Income Advisory Committee is used. It is reviewed by the Committee from time to time. The Committee was chaired by eminent economists like Prof. M. Mukherjee, Prof. V.M. Dandekar and Prof. C.H. Hanumantharao. Y.K. Alagh chaired it until he was sworn in as Minister and the current Chairman is the distinguished economist Dr. R. Mohan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research. The revised estimates are firmer as more data becomes available.

Cut in Aid to States to Recover Dues

*193. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to cut in aid to the States to recover arrears of dues of the Ministries/Departments of Railways, Coal, Power and Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that small States are not victimised on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VEN-